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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

UEBERSCHAR ET AL

Examiner

Laura Edwards

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 February 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8, 10-24 and 49 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 and 10-24 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 49 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Priority

Receipt is acknowledged of papers filed under 35 U.S.C. 119 (a)-(d) based on an application, 10125378.8, filed in Germany on 5/23/01. Applicant has not complied with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.63(c), since the oath, declaration or application data sheet does not acknowledge the above foreign application. The oath, declaration or application data sheet only refers to the application, 10125379.6, filed in Germany on 5/23/01. A new oath, declaration or application data sheet is required in the body of which the present application should be identified by application number and filing date.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

Claim 49 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pallas et al (US 6,409,857) in view of Knop (US 5,803,969).

Pallas et al teach an apparatus for applying glue to corrugated cardboard comprising a coating unit for one-sided coating of glue to the cardboard, the coating unit comprising a first applicator roll (45) and a second backup roll (13), each roll including a roll body, both rollers being arranged axially parallel to one another wherein at least one roll is movable relative to the other, a force device arrangement (53, 65, 67, 69) for providing a force transmitted at least partially in a force transmission path running from the force device arrangement to at least one of the first and second rolls, the force device arrangement producing a pressing force between the rolls, and at least one sensor (75) registering the pressing force between the rolls, the sensor

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being arranged in the force transmission path, the sensor being arranged outside of the first roll body and the second roll body. Pallas et al are silent concerning a coating unit for two-dimensional or two-sided coating of the cardboard. However, it was known in the art, at the time the invention was made to provide a two sided coating unit to enable simultaneous coating of both sides of cardboard via arranging axially parallel applicator rolls movably mounted relative to one another to simultaneously apply glue to both sides of cardboard as evidenced by Knop (see Fig. 2; col. 1, lines 17-22; col. 3, lines 6-10). In light of the teachings of Knop, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify the Pallas et al apparatus and replace the backup roller with a second duplicate coating unit opposed to the first coating unit in order to enable the alternative manufacture of a one-sided (i.e., single faced) cardboard product or a two-sided (i.e., double faced) cardboard product. It is within the purview of one of ordinary skill in the art to modify a one sided coating system to a two sided coating system so as to enable the manufacture of a variety of multi-layered cardboard products.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-8 and 10-24 are allowable.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to the claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

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Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

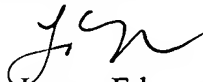
A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Laura Edwards whose telephone number is (571) 272-1227. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chris Fiorilla can be reached on (571) 272-1187. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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